Author’s use of satire is often social criticism. What is the role of satirist in argument? Is the satirist’s argument valid? Is it Arguable? How do you know? How is the novel a social criticism?

Satire is a style of writing using humor and hyperbole to ridicule some aspect of human behavior in order to draw attention to it or initiate change. The behaviors Twain satirizes include: greed, racism, bravado, Southern chivalry and aristocracy, gullibility, lack of altruism, romanticism, “religious people” (not religion), naïveté, and many more.

1. Define the following literary terms (look these up as literary devices, not as generalized words). Or use my wiki:
2. Satire
   1. Horatian
   2. Juvenalian
   3. Absurdity
   4. Exaggeration
   5. Caricature
   6. Wit
   7. Hyperbole
   8. Understatement
   9. Incongruity
   10. Irony
   11. Parody
   12. Invective
   13. Lampoon
   14. Redutio ad Absurdum
   15. Hypocrisy
   16. Malapropism
3. Using the following chapters listed, choose 5 separate events to explain Twain’s satire. Where does he use it and How do you know it is satire? You MUST use quotes and citations in your answer.

Chapters: 1-6, 20, 21, 22, 23, 24, 25, 26, 27, 30, 32

For each of the satirical incidents USE MLA:

A. Write the sentence in quotes and the page number of the incident listed.

B. Write a short summary of the incident (one or two sentences) in your own words.

C. Identify who or what is the target of Twain's satire.

D. Which literary weapon of satire (a-p) is used?

E. Write a one sentence statement of Twain's larger purpose concerning the incident.

You might consider making a chart with A-E to organize your answers.

1. Next find one example of a modern satire. Print the example. Highlight the uses of satire. In a one paragraph response, explain the satirist’s argument (MLA).
2. Write a piece of satire and present to the class. Choose your topic with a professional approach. Know your audience. (MLA, academic writing, minimum one well developed paragraph)
3. Staple together: B, C, D